1. What is your opinion of the statement, “iPads improve classroom instruction?”

I agree with a caveat – it takes a lot more classroom management on the part if the teacher

It improves instruction when I’m able to monitor ipad use at all times

Needs to be done properly

Ipad without any formerly trained instructor detracts from student engagement

If instructor is trained, it improves instruction

2. How much training do teachers require to use the iPad?

ongoing process, I have been trained with very special development classes, but it’s an ongoing process, I think if there is a teacher…it involves a moderate amount…more than a one day thing but less than a master’s degree

3. How have you used the iPad in your classroom?

I use it a lot for student research – I try to use it as an instructional tool (not good) – I also have my course fully available online – all handouts and assignments are provided online – they have their ipad in front of them only during instructional time, or during research as a class, or going over a handout, - I will tell them to take their ipads out and they will go to a default setting – I have to make my instructions much more detailed – my school uses canvas instructure – required by the school so we don’t really have much freedom there – for research I tell them to begin with Wikipedia (good source for citations) – and then they work independently – our school has access to Gale, which is another research tool

4. How have your students responded to the iPad?

they like having the ipad in the place of carrying around books and notebooks, it makes them better organized , but they play games a lot more, and use it in distracting ways

5. Is funding an issue at your school?

I work at a very wealthy school, a wealthy private school, so it wasn’t an issue for us – the same year they went 1:1 for all student ipads, they also cut faculty health care and it almost felt like a trade-out, teachers health care in place of students getting ipads (1650 students – all males)… ipads owned by the school, school technically rents everything from Apple

6. What are some drawbacks of using the iPad?

Students more willing to play games, use the camera function, play with the device in general; because I teach at all-male school, students may be more engaged without opposite sex to distract them, so we may have less distractions than the typical co-ed classroom…students must be monitored at all times, I have mine sit in a circle so I can monitor what they’re looking at at all times